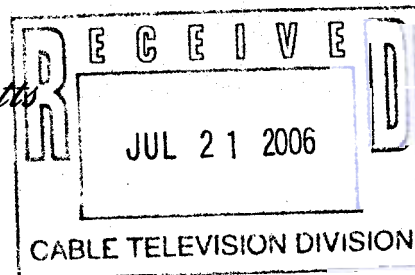




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Ms. Alicia C. Matthews, Director  
Cable Television Division  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Ms. Matthews,

May I take this opportunity to offer my comments relative to the proposed amendments filed by Verizon Massachusetts (Docket No. CTV 06-1) which are currently before the Department of Telecommunications and Energy for consideration.

Over the years, constituents have reported to me an ever-increasing frustration with the current cable franchise process in the Commonwealth which has ultimately led to an increase in cable bills along with a decline in the quality of customer service. This proposal allows the opportunity to bring Massachusetts consumers and business owners increased choice and competition in the cable television market.

Please know that I am supportive of any proposal that would increase the availability of cable choice. I feel it would lead to lower costs and create an incentive for cable companies to invest in newer technologies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William C. Galvin".

William C. Galvin  
State Representative